

Two sent off as . . .

GLYNN'S LATE GOAL EARNs A REPRIEVE

TERRY Glynn, whose £800 signing from Enfield could prove to be the bargain of the season, earned Wycombe Wanderers a dramatic reprieve in the F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round tie at Worcester City on Saturday.

Wycombe were trailing 1-0 and about to go out of the competition when Glynn scored a brilliantly taken equaliser in the 89th minute to earn his side another shot at making the first round proper.

So Wanderers will replay at Loakes Park tonight (Tuesday) and that is the least they deserved from a courageous, well-conceived performance which enabled them to control the match for long periods.

Unfortunately a tough game played in a sporting spirit was marred midway through the second half by a double sending off incident concerning Tony Price and the Worcester defender Paul Bevan.

The incident occurred in the 64th minute, only six minutes after winger Price had come on for Gary Toll in an attempt to revive their flagging fortunes, and threw a shadow over the whole game.

Price was fouled by Bevan, but even after the referee's whistle, the defender still had a hold on his leg. In an attempt to release himself Price gave Bevan a tap in the back with his boot.

Bevan reacted angrily, pushing Price away before players intervened. Mr Denis Hedges, the referee, spoke to both players and then to the astonishment of a large crowd, showed them each the red card.

So the last half hour was played with ten men per team and Wycombe finally earned their reward.

Mick Holifield passed a morning fitness test and so came into the side, and from the first whistle Wycombe took the game by the scruff of the neck.

Worcester, an unimpressive Alliance Premier League side, did not force their first corner until the 25th minute — Wycombe had already forced five —

and did not have one shot on target throughout the first half.

But Wycombe were unable to turn their advantage into goals. Jimmy Jacobs had two shots blocked — one accidentally by Toll — while Glynn sent a neat back header just over the bar.

Panic

Then just before half-time, the visitors appeared to have taken the lead. Toll's fine cross from the right was headed home by Jacobs but the linesman's flag was up for off-side.

Then three minutes into the second half, Worcester scored with their first serious shot on target. Gary Stevens, who created his side's best attacks, broke down the left and his cross caused panic in the defence.

The ball bobbed around the penalty area and two shots were blocked before Barry Williams fired into the

empty net, Gary Lester being on the ground after a previous save.

Inspired by this score and urged by their biggest crowd of the season, Worcester enjoyed their best period of the match and Steve Crompton fired just wide from a shot on the turn.

Then came the sending off incident, which took the heat out of the game. Both sides struggled to regain their rhythm although Wycombe once again asserted their authority.

Jacobs twice shot wide with first time efforts before playing an important part in the equalising goal. He lobbed a pass to the edge of the Worcester penalty area, where Glynn chested it down, shot wide of the advancing Jimmy Cumbe and promptly did a dance of delight.

But that was not the end of the drama. Worcester, stunned into action, mounted another attack and only two good saves by Lester from Williams earned them the replay they deserved.

WORCESTER: J. Cumbe; G. Selby, P. Bevan, M. Phelps, K. Tudor, B. Lowe, G. Stevens, B. Williams, W. Telford, S. Crompton, G. Wright. Sub: T. Francis (not used).

WYCOMBE: G. Lester; P. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies, S. Hardwick, R. Dell, S. Long, J. Jacobs, T. Glynn, G. Toll (sub: A. Price 57 mins), M. Holifield.

Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford).
Half-time 0-0. Scorers: Worcester — Williams (48 mins); Wycombe — Glynn (89 mins).

Attendance: 2,561.

'Like traffic wardens'

WYCOMBE'S poor disciplinary record this season became even worse at Worcester. Not only was Price sent off, but Hardwick and Glynn were booked — Hardwick for a foul and Glynn for dissent.

Manager Mike Keen was particularly upset about the sending off. "Far worse things than that happened during the game to warrant a sending off," he commented afterwards. "Referees seem to hand out bookings and sendings off as though they were traffic wardens. But it was a great result. We've got them back home and can play much better than we did today."

Bournemouth prize

THE attractive prize of a home tie against A.F.C. Bournemouth awaits the winners of tonight's F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round replay between Wycombe and Worcester at Loakes Park.

Should Wycombe win tonight, it would be a repeat of their memorable cup run in 1974/75 when they won the replay 2-1 at Dean Court after a goalless draw at Wycombe. In the next round of course Blues had their epic against Middlesbrough.

Price plays

At the time Bournemouth were in the lower half of Football League Division Three but since then they have been relegated to Division Four.

But under their famous manager Alec Stock, Bournemouth have made something of a recovery this season and stand ninth in

Stock was manager at QPR when Wycombe boss Mike Keen was captain in the 1960s.

The tie, which should attract a huge crowd to Loakes Park, will be played on Saturday November 22.

But before then Wycombe have to beat Worcester in tonight's replay and the good news that Tony Price, sent off on Saturday, is available for selection, but Worcester defender Paul Bevan, who also received the red card, is not.

This anomaly occurs because of differing league rules. If a player is sent off in the Alliance Premier, he is automatically banned for one game.

In the Isthmian, a player concerned can carry on playing until the F.A. take action on his case. So although Price may receive some future suspension he is okay for the replay.